

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

BETA-TITANIUM ALLOY, METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HOT-ROLLED PRODUCT BASED ON SAID ALLOY AND THE USES THEREOF

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

X was filed on **July 2, 2004** as PCT International Application Number: **PCT/EP2004/007201**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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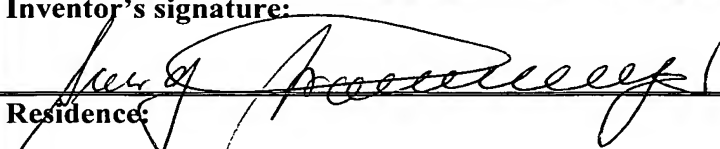
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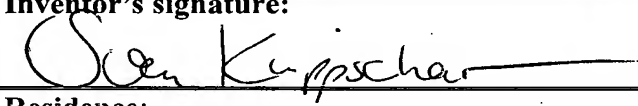
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in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for United States Patent entitled:

BETA-TITANIUM ALLOY, METHOD FOR PRODUCING A HOT-ROLLED
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The above-entitled United States Patent application was:

___ executed by the undersigned on: _____
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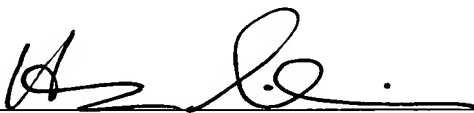
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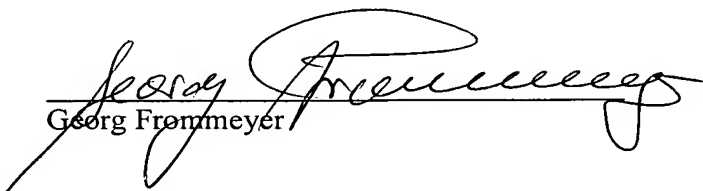
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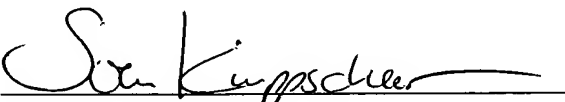
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